

Prince Edward Island Lobster Catch.

The annual catch in Prince Edward Island is 20,000,000; three per cent. of these or 600,000 are spawn lobsters; the average number of eggs per lobster is 20,000, a total of 12,000,000,000 eggs. This means that what would go to reproduce 12,000,000,000 young lobsters yearly is ruthlessly boiled up and destroyed. It is wanton destruction, unequalled by the savage and entirely discreditable to both fishermen and canners. Preserve the spawn lobster and we need have no fear for the future of the industry. The present regulations are a close season, a size limit of 8 inches, and that all spawn or "berried" lobsters, so called, shall, when caught, be returned to the sea alive," so says the fish commissioner of Prince Edward Island.

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GOOD CAPE NORTH FARE.**First Trip of Cured Fish Received for This Season.**

Arrivals at this port are light today. Besides the three seiners from the Cape Shore, sch. Elmer E. Gray, from a Cape North salt cod trip, has a fine fare of 130,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Lillian is here from Matinicus, Me., with a cargo of cured fish.

The arrival of sch. Elmer E. Gray leaves but two of the Cape North fleet to come, schs. Mary F. Curtis and Lillian, both of which are reported quite well fished. This fleet as a whole, has done finely after losing practically the whole of their first baiting, making it up on the second, when they struck big fishing. The vessels also got good prices for their catches and many big stocks resulted.

The cured fish of sch. Lillian is the first lot of this kind of goods which has arrived here for a long time.

Quite a number of the seining fleet will get away today, and will go to the grounds in the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship.

The arrivals and receipts at this port are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Cynthia, Cape Shore, 108 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, Cape Shore, 130 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Cape North, 125,000 lbs. salt cod.
Str. Bryda F., shore, 130 bbls. porgies.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Cape Shore, 4 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Lillian, Matinicus, Me., 700 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. John M. Keen, south netting.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Clontonia, seining.
Sch. Electric Flash, seining.
Sch. Slade Gorton, seining.
Sch. Gladiator, seining.
Sch. Raymah, salt shacking.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, haddock-ing.
A. C. Newhall, shore.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, seining.
Sch. Rex, seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.
Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.40 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums.
Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.
Bank halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 8c per lb. for gray.
Fresh mackerel, 18c each.
Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$10.50 per bbl.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.
Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.

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Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Oliver F. Hutchins has given up pollock seining, and has fitted for haddocking again.

Picked Up Skiff.

Capt. Jameson of sch. Manomet, at Boston today, reported that he picked up a 10-foot skiff when five miles to the eastward of Monhegan, Me. It was painted slate color, and with the exception of a set of rowlocks, the entire equipment was gone.

Will Stock \$1500.

Sch. Motor, Capt. A. Herman Pennington, will stock about \$1500 on her swordfish trip landed at Boston yesterday.

Salt Cod Sale.

The fare of Cape North salt cod of sch. Elmer E. Gray sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co., at \$3.00 per hundred weight for large and \$2.75 for medium.

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QUIETNESS IN MACKEREL NEWS.**Seining Fleet Now Looking for Fish Around South Shoal Lightship.****Two Seining Fares and Several Netters at Newport.**

There appears to be little new in the way of mackerel this morning excepting a couple small fares at Newport. The Cape Shore season over, all eyes are now turned to the southward, where the fleet is now operating out around the South Shoal lightship.

The several small schools taken recently encourage the owners to think that the fish will soon begin to bunch up and some good hauls made. Some are looking for a fare or so, or reports at least of fish on the south-east part of Georges before the Fourth. A large fleet of seiners will get away from here today for the southward.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, whose arrival was expected, reached Newport yesterday afternoon with 5000 fresh mackerel.

For the past several days mackerel have been schooling inside the entrance of North Sydney, C. B., harbor and particularly were they plentiful off Swivel Point. This is quite unusual at this season of the year as mackerel are scarcely ever known to have been so far inside.

The types made us say yesterday that the catch of salt mackerel by the Cape Shore fleet, of 63 sail, last year, was 2857 barrels, which was obviously wrong. What was intended was that the salt catch of last year was 13,963 barrels, which was 2857 barrels more than the salt Cape Shore catch of this season, which was 11,106 barrels.

Seiners at Newport.

Sch. Arthur James, 5000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Squanto, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Netters at Newport.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Dixie, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Gracie, 300 fresh mackerel.

Mackerel Sales.

The fare of sch. Morning Star sold to Cunningham & Thompson Company and that of sch. Hattie A. Heckman to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. and George Perkins' Son, each at \$10.50 per barrel. This cleans up the Cape Shore trips.

Fresh mackerel at Newport yesterday brought 23 cents each.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Corona was at Liverpool, N. S., Saturday last and cleared for the fishing ground.

Sch. Florida, Capt. Edward A. Proctor, has fitted for swordfishing and sailed today.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, Capt. Charles White, will now fit for swordfishing.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish receipts continue very light sch. Bernie and Bessie came in Monday with 12 swordfish, she being the first of the Portland fleet to come home with a catch. The outlook for the swordfishing business at present is rather unpromising, but will doubtless improve later.

Sch. Robert and Carr, here Monday, had 45 barrels of salt shad on board.

Sch. Carrie C., of Gloucester, came in Monday and landed 3000 pounds of halibut, and sailed for Georges again.

Over 25,000 lobsters were landed here Sunday and Monday and notwithstanding the seeming plenty prices have doubled within a few days, smackmen now paying as high as 26 cents, which means that every count lobster costs the wholesale dealer 28 cents each. Several reasons contribute to these fancy prices. After July 1 the Nova Scotia close time goes into effect for six months, while in Maine waters the lobsters are on the point of changing their shells and are expected to be scarcer. These reasons are given by the wholesale dealers and fishermen, but the heavy arrivals here the past two days seem to rather conflict with them. The lobster fishermen at Green Island, below Rockland, are reaping a harvest just now, the high prices prevailing netting them from \$10 to \$25 per day.

Derelict Schooner Picked Up.

Word was received yesterday that the waterlogged schooner Elvira Ball, which has been drifting about the ocean since February 18, when she was abandoned while on a passage from Jacksonville to Boston, had been picked up and towed into Fayal, Azores. Since the abandonment of the craft by her crew, she had drifted thousands of miles, driven by winds and currents in and out of the steamship lines, reported first in one place, and then from 100 to 300 miles away. Steamship captains had come to dread this waif of the sea. On two different occasions big liners had been stopped, and boats sent to the wreck to set her on fire, but she defied all attempts to destroy her, and continued to sail a crazy course over the seas.

The wreck destroyer Seneca made several ineffectual efforts to locate her, and tugs which were dispatched by the owners of the vessel at New London to tow her in had no better luck. But the Ball continued to sail her crazy course until a steamer finally discovered her off the Azores, and took her into Fayal. It will prove a handsome prize, for the lumber and hull are said to be worth at least \$50,000.

Nova Scotia Fish Notes.

June 27:—Digby—Lobsters plenty; herring fair.

Yarmouth—Cod and halibut plenty; haddock fair; traps few barrels of mackerel.

Port La Tour—Cod fair.

Sand Point—Cod fair.

Lockeport—Cod fair; few halibut; three mackerel in traps.

Liverpool—Cod and herring plenty; haddock and halibut fair.

Lunenburg—Cod and herring fair.

Musquodoboit—Cod and haddock fair; herring scarce.

Canso—Cod and pollock fair; 200 mackerel and 15 barrels small squid taken in traps.

Queensport—Few squid in traps this morning; cod scarce.

L'Ardoise—Cod, haddock and herring fair.

Gabarus—Lobsters fair; cod scarce.

Louisburg—Cod very plenty; lobsters fair.

Alberton—Cod fair; hake and lobsters scarce.

Icebergs Off Newfoundland.

Steamer Bonavista arrived at St. John's, N. F., recently and the captain reports that navigation is seriously impeded by ice conditions. The number of icebergs is entirely unprecedented, Capt. Fraser never having seen the like during his long career as navigator on the coast of the ancient colony. These bergs may be counted by the hundred; at one time he counted a hundred from the steamer's deck. The greatest danger is from what are called "growlers," that is parts broken off from the bergs and submerged. The Labrador coast is completely isolated by the ice floes.

First Albicore of the Season.

Late in its arrival, but welcomed heartily, the first albicore, more commonly known as horse mackerel, came to the T wharf, Boston, market Monday. A few years ago this fish, like swordfish and haddock, was looked upon as something to be cast aside. Today, however, its true place among edible fish is recognized, and it is accepted as one of the game fish for the table.

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OVERLOADED WITH FISH.

Fares at Boston Consequent- ly Sold Low.

T wharf is overloaded with fish this morning. The 31 arrivals about all have fine fares and as the dealers are confronted with a dull market and scarcity of orders, the trips are going slow and prices ruled low, many of the vessels are expected to come to this port with their fares to split.

Among the arrivals are sch. Kineo, Capt. John Stream, out only 17 days with a fine halibut fare, Capt. Stream hailing for 25,000 pounds of halibut, which probably means that he has more and 10,000 pounds of salt cod. This is Capt. Stream's first call at the Boston market with a halibut fare.

Two of the swordfish fleet are in, sch. Rita A. Viator with a big fare, 63 fish, and sch. Mettacommet with 25 fish.

The high liner of the ground fish fleet is sch. Sylvia M. Nunan with 62,000 pounds. Other good trips are schs. Mary E. Cooney, 50,000 pounds, sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 54,000 pounds, sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 45,000 pounds, sch. Matchless, 49,000 pounds, sch. Mary C. Santos 47,000 pounds, and sch. Josie and Phebe 55,000 pounds.

What few fish were bought early went at \$1.00 for haddock, \$2.50 for large cod, \$1.25 for market cod and \$2 for a few live large hake.

Mackerel from Newport and from the provinces, and a few from the Cape, and swordfish from Connecticut and Rhode Island were received at T wharf yesterday. There were also some fresh caught shad, brought up from Casco, Me. These were brought up in a power boat only 28 feet long by two intrepid fishermen, who saw a chance to realize on their catch and made a 16-hour run to reach the market.

The little boat was sch. Flossie M., with John Munroe as captain and Thomas McPhee as crew. The two men had by luck taken 1000 large shad, and knowing that the Boston market was short of this fish, headed for Boston, 150 miles to the west of them. They reached T wharf yesterday morning. Their daring and their new fish were both admired, and they got a ready sale for their catch at a price that will pay them for the trouble of coming here. They now hope that the wind will hold back until they have again skirted the coast and get back home.

The receipts this morning in detail are as follows:

Boston.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Alcina, 1000 haddock, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Maud F. Silva.
Sch. Matchless, 14,000 haddock, 39,000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 7000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 8000 haddock, 39,000 cod.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 18,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Josie and Phebe, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Hortense, 50,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Reliance, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 2000 cod, 60,000 hake.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 63 swordfish.
Sch. Washakie, 20,000 haddock.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart.
Sch. James and Esther, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 1500 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. J. J. Fallon, 16,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 14,000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Azorean, 12,000 haddock.
Sch. Lawrence Scolla, 5000 haddock.
Sch. Metacommet, 25 swordfish.
Sch. Arbitrator, 3000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 18,000 hake.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
Sch. Victor and Ethan.
Sch. Kineo, 10,000 salt cod, 25,000 halibut.
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 7000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.25; large hake, \$1.25; swordfish, 14c and 15c per lb.

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GOOD FARES AT THIS PORT.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt Has 300,000 Lbs. Codfish.

Another big salt trawl bank cod trip, a fine Cape North salt cod fare, a good halibut trip and an average salt Rips cod fare, comprises about all the arrivals here this morning.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. William Morrissey, one of the salt bankers, hails for 275,000 pounds, but she looks very deep, and probably has somewhere about the 300,000 pound mark. Capt. Morrissey did well in sch. Blanche last year, and has made a fine start this season, being the sixth of the salt bank fleet to get home.

Sch. Lillian, Capt. Clarence C. Malone, one of the Cape North fleet, has 140,000 pounds of salt cod, a good catch. The vessel finished up on Quero Bank.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, from Quero Bank, has a good halibut fare, backed up with some salt cod and fresh fish. The vessel had some trouble with her rudder again, but Capt. Greenleaf stuck it out, and got a fare all right.

Sch. Volant has a fair salt Rips cod trip, and sch. Clara G. Silva is here from Boston with a few fresh fish to split.

More fares are expected during the day from Boston for the splitters.

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Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, salt banking, 275,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Volant, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Manomet, via Boston.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Reliance, south netting.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 20 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 15 bbls. whiting.
Sch. Winnifred, via Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.
Sch. Lillian, Quero Bank, 140,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Aloha, seining.
Sch. Emily Cooney, seining.
Sch. Avalon, seining.
Sch. Olga, seining.
Sch. Lena and Maud, seining.
Sch. Annie Greenlaw, seining.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, seining.
Sch. Esperanto, seining.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, seining.
Sch. Romance, seining.
Sch. Patrician, seining.
Sch. Marsala, Georges.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, Rips.
Sch. Winifred, Rips.
Sch. Actor, swordfishing.
Sch. Florida, swordfishing.
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
Sch. James W. Parker, salt shackling.
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, seining.
Sch. William H. Moody, Georges.

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Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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Queer Looking Cod.

Sch. William A. Morse landed a fish yesterday morning at T wharf that was viewed with curiosity by everyone. It was a large cod, about six feet long and two feet across the body, and with an immense head. For a time it was looked upon as a freak fish, and even when it was made known that it was a cod, a "loggy" in the fisherman's language, it was still a curiosity. The peculiar shape of the fish, even for a loggy, or sick fish, was something new to the old fishermen. The fish weighed 20 pounds.

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Sch. Elmer E. Gray Spoken.

Capt. George Nelson of sch. Elmer E. Gray reports speaking the dory handliner Madonna on Quero Bank. Capt. Selig wished to be reported, all well. The craft has 150 tubs of fish.

Good Stock and Share.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper, stocked \$3452.84 on her recent halibut trip, the crew of 20 men sharing \$73.53.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Mattie D. Brundage sold to the New England Fish Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Salt Cod Sale.

The big fare of salt cod of sch. Theodore Roosevelt sold to Davis Bros. at Board of Trade prices.

